

Sam Marsh

2012-2018



I attended Tudor Grange Academy from Year 7 and entered the Sixth Form in 2016 and studied A Levels maths, physics and English Literature.

Shortly after leaving Sixth Form, I applied to join the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) as a Cadet Deck Officer. After being successful at the initial recruitment process, I attended an Admiralty Interview Board at HMS Sultan. This is a one and a half day assessment designed to test suitability for a Royal Navy leadership role.

In 2021, I am almost at the end of the 3 year process to become a qualified Third Officer. The training has been split into deployments at sea where I am completing a portfolio and completing a Foundation Degree in Marine Operations at Glasgow (I intend to 'top up' to a Bachelor's Degree once qualified). Over the last three years I have travelled worldwide whilst on deployments, including the Caribbean, US, the Persian Gulf and the Baltic Sea. I am currently deployed on RFA Fort Victoria and about to deploy with the UK Carrier Strike Group. It will cover 20,000 nautical miles and will take the group from the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean and into the Indo-Pacific, visiting more than 40 countries. I will return earlier than the 7 month deployment to complete my final exams at Glasgow before fully qualifying at the end of this year.